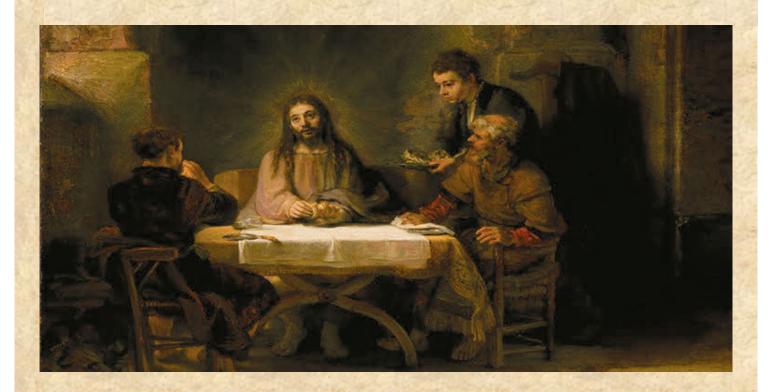
Saint Matthew Catholic Church

April 23, 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter

They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Lk 24:33-35



Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: **8:00 am, 10:00 am Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday: **6:00 pm

Tuesday: **12:05 pm

Wednesday-Saturday: **8:00 am

**This Mass will be "Live-Streamed" on YouTube

To view a Mass shortly after it was "live", go to our website: "www.stmatthewwausau.org" and click on icon "Today's Mass". For a Mass on a previous day, click on icon "YouTube-Recorded Masses".

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before every Mass Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Wednesday 4:30 pm: Evening Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction)

Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6:00 pm Saturday & 9:00 am Sunday:
Public Access Channel 980
6:30 am Sunday: Cable/Satellite Channel 12

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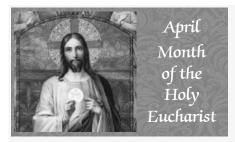
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EUCHARIST IS AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

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Have you ever thought about how you would respond if a celebrity you admire came to your house one day and said, "I would like to stay here with you, and what is mine is yours?" More than likely you would rejoice at what has taken place, accept the offer and call your friends.

This is unlikely to happen. But, astonishingly the fact is that all humanity has had this very thing occur, though not with a merely human celebrity. This has happened with God Himself, who took on human nature. "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh..." (1 Timothy 3:16). God the Son wants to stay with us and give us what is His. What is it that He wants to give us? "This is My body which is given for you" (Luke 22:19). Jesus wants to give us His very self.

We know what our response would be to the celebrity, but what is our response to God the Son, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)? Jesus came to invite us to the heavenly Liturgy, to "the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9). Jesus wants to stay with us, body, blood, soul and divinity. "Behold, I am with you always..." (Matthew 28:20). He wants to share His wealth with us. He wants us to be so united with Him that we can consume Him. ...

We have been invited to the eucharistic liturgy, but many cannot believe what is happening. Many proclaim, "This is a hard saying, who can listen to it?" (John 6:60). A 1994 New York Times/CBS poll showed that 70% of Catholics between the ages of 18 and 44 believed that the Eucharist is a symbolic reminder of Jesus. The same survey revealed that 51% of Mass-going Catholics believed that the Eucharist is symbolic.

It would be understandable if we didn't believe the celebrity, but not to believe He who is truth? Many do not believe that when Mass is celebrated we receive Jesus' body, though all who receive Communion respond *amen, yes it is,* when the priest says, "The body of Christ". This is one of the greatest tragedies of all time.

God the Father sent the Son to make it possible for us to once again become, "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). He came that we might be able to share in the inner life of God. "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life..." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1325). "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53). But we also must be sure not to eat and drink damnation upon ourselves, receiving Jesus in unbelief, or mortal sin (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

When we come to Mass, we are not coming to a purely humanly instituted set of rituals. Liturgy is primarily the work of God. It is Divine Liturgy, the term Eastern Catholics use to refer to the Mass, and we are called to fully, consciously and actively participate in God's work. Jesus comes down to us in order to raise us up. We are mysteriously, truly and really present at the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. Calvary is not simply an event that occurred in the past, though it is that to be sure. Everything Christ did He did as God; thus, eternity has met time. Jesus said, "Do this in memory of Me" (Luke 22:19). The biblical notion of a memorial is not simply like remembering an event that occurred many years ago, like a birthday. The Eucharist is a past event made really present, as a sign of future glory.

If the Eucharist is a being present at Calvary, this means that the Eucharist is a sacrifice. It is the one sacrifice of Christ, made miraculously present for us in an unbloody manner. We are not crucifying Christ again.

In order to fully participate in this one sacrifice of Christ we also need to make ourselves "a living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). By virtue of baptism, all of the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ, and all priests are called to offer sacrifice (Hebrews 5:1). We must offer to God all that we have, all that we are, body, heart, mind and soul.

When we come to Mass we must realize where we are – at once in our parish, at Calvary and in the midst of the heavenly liturgy.

Before each Mass we must prepare for receiving a divine person. We should arrive early, reverently and slowly genuflect before our Lord truly present in the tabernacle, silently pray and reflect on what kind of changes need to be made in our lives so as to be truly in communion with Jesus when we receive Him. We should listen attentively to God's word. During the Offertory, we should prayerfully unite ourselves with this offering. When the words of consecration are spoken, we must adore our God. When we receive Jesus, we must realize that our words mean something. We do not want to be lying when we utter the simple word, "Amen." Once we have received our God, we should go back to the pew and thank Him.

Jesus. the divine celebrity, has invited Himself into our hearts, into our very bodies. He wants to share His body, blood, soul and divinity with us. He longs for us to rejoice at what has taken place, accept His offer and tell our friends. "O sacred banquet in which Christ is received as food, the memory of His passion is renewed, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of the life to come is given to us" (CCC 1402).



From Seminarians David Nowicki and Kyle Lang: "Help us provide aid to the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria!"



In February 2023, southern Turkey and northern Syria were hit by a magnitude 7.8 earthquake. The death toll surpassed fifty thousand, and millions more were made homeless or otherwise afflicted, making the unusually cold winter even harder to endure.

Each year, seminarians from the Pontifical North American College in Rome run a relay across the Italian peninsula to raise money for a Catholic charity. This Saturday, April 22, two teams will start at the coasts and meet in the middle of the peninsula, running a collective 180 miles. This year, we are partnering with Catholic Relief Services to provide aid to the victims of this earthquake, in the assurance that the Lord can take what we have to bring hope to those who are in greatest need.

To see how you can donate go to: crs.donordrive.com





Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage





Holy Orders

Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

30 minutes before every Mass and Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: May 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm

The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

Bautismo

Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al: 715-842-3148.

Marriage - Contact Fr Sebastian 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

Call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 for:

- * Anointing of the Sick for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- * Communion Visits to the Homebound if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- * Visits at the Hospital If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know as we are not always notified by the hospital.

In Need of Extra Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month



Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from:

- 1. Catholic Charities of Diocese of La Crosse 540 South 3rd Avenue; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: **715.849.3311** Text: **715.600.6391** Email: info@cclse.org Website: cclse.org Pregnancy Support page: cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant
- 2. Hope Life Center 605 24th Ave. S. Ste 20; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: 715.843.4673 Text: 715.843.4673 Email: info@hopewi.org Website: hopewi.org For additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources

Employment Opportunity at St Therese in Rothschild

St Therese Parish currently has an opening for a full-time parish secretary starting as soon as possible. In addition to secretarial duties,

preparing of the weekly church bulletin is needed. Qualified candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel (for managing office activities and records), and Publisher. Please call the Parish Office at 715-359-2421 or email: secretary@sttheresecc.org with questions or for more information.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

The Eucharist is the Risen Christ



On Easter Sunday, two disciples were leaving Jerusalem without hope as they believed that the Savior was dead. Jesus joined them as they walked but the disciples did not recognize Him as He now had a glorified body. When Jesus sat down with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him in the "breaking of bread," which was the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Lord, make my heart burn with a desire to read Your Word in Sacred Scripture."

This week, read how Jesus explained how He fulfilled the Old Testament in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and allowed the disciples to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread in Luke 24:13-35.

The Calix Soci

CALIX - For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX.

CALIX (www.calixsociety.org) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612-383-8232 (Jim R) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.



Catholic Daughters Court St Rose #1062 Pot Luck Lunch

Thursday, May 4th: 12 noon - St Therese Church A May crowning, welcoming of new members and a business meeting to follow.

Bring a salad to pass and come and meet our new members. Bring a friend to see what we are all about, that we serve our church, community but most of all we support our fellow CDA ladies throughout the U.S., Wisconsin and overseas too. For questions call Barb at 359-3969.

Have you checked out the "Amen" app yet?



This free Catholic app by Augustine Institute provides meditations, Scripture, and other prayers to enrich your daily conversation with God.







Holy Land Pilgrimage

Father Janusz is offering a second pilgrimage to the Holy Land this fall. September 25th to October 3rd for individuals that could not make the January pilgrimage. Father Janusz has

14 spots left. If you would like more information, see Father Sebastian or call St Matthew Parish Center: 715-842-3148. We can supply you with an itinerary, cost, dates and deadlines.

If you are interested in making the pilgrimage, contact Father Janusz at: friktrips@gmail.com or call the parish center at: 715-421-5777.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, April 25

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Rectory: 5:45 pm

Thursday, April 27

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm Men's Club Spring Steak Feed - School Gym: 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Dinner

Saturday, April 29

1st Holy Communion Retreat: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after 4:30 pm Mass Pizza Night - School Cafeteria: 5:30 pm (after 4:30 pm Mass)

Sunday, April 30

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after 8 am and 10 am Masses



Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish Next Scrip Sale: May 6th & 7th

In the Angelorum before and after Mass (Saturday: 4:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am) You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.

Scrip lists available in back of church by cry room and the Parish Center.

Important changes coming to Kohl's Gift Cards. Our current Kohl's Cares Fundraising Gift Card is being discontinued. When those cards are sold out, you will no longer be able to pay for your credit card bill from Kohls with a gift card. New Kohl's cards will be available shortly, but will be used like the rest of the cards, at the time of purchase.



Weekly Minimum Amount Needed per Budget: \$9,612.00

April 9th & 16th Contributions to be announced in future bulletin.

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations. If you are not attending Mass in person, please consider sending your weekly donations by:

- Mail: St Matthew Parish, 221 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401
- . Bill Pay through your Bank: contact your bank to set up.
- Online Giving: via credit card or direct debit
 - www.stmatthewwausau.org/donations (one-time donation
- www.stmatthewwausau.org/payments (recurring donations available
- Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer from your bank. To set up, contact .Jerry at: 715-842-3148 or email: jerryg@stmatthewwausau.org

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Mass Intentions April 24 - 30, 2023



Mon, Apr 24 - 6:00 pm - † John & †Rosie Bauer

Tue, Apr 25 - 12:05 pm - †Joe and †Rosella Albrecht

Wed, Apr 26 - 8:00 am - †Erich Radandt

Thu, Apr 27 - 8:00 am - †Archie & †Cecelia Barland

Fri, Apr 28 - 8:00 am - †Sandy Hass

Sat, Apr 29 - 8:00 am - †Paul Wiegert

4:30 pm - †Juanita Kraimer

Sun, Apr 30 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - In thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for His continued guidance of Jubilee House & for all groups & volunteers who make it's mission possible.

Spanish - 12 noon - †Maria Luisa Munoz Santoyo

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, April 24 - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5-14/Ps 89/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 28 - St Peter Chanel, Priest/Martyr;

St Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29 - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin/Doctor of Church Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41/Ps 23/1 Pt 2:20-25/Jn 10:1-10

We	ekend - Liturgical Min	isters
Saturday April 29 4:30 pm	Sunday April 30 8:00 am	Sunday April 30 10:00 am
Lectors	A	
Joe Calderaro	Peggy Bant	Pat Loy
Musicians		
Lynn Meyer Nancy Losinski	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard
Ushers and Greeters	Triest I	
Jay Rolefson Tom Mullaley Dave Mayer	Dennis Janssen Al Seubert Jody Babl	Tom Brzezinski Kevin Malovrh Jack Reeves
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Yonathan Ramirez	Joey Huebsch Lukas Willemon	Natalie Bergo Carolina Bergo
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He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:



Florence Koziol

She died Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023 She is the Sister of Dorothy Cline and Godmother of Cindy Boettcher

Robert "Bob" Fergot

He died Friday - April 14, 2023 He is the Husband of Joyce Fergot

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, April 29th at 5:30 pm (after 4:30 pm Mass) at St Matthew School Cafeteria



Come enjoy delicious Pizza and get to know other members of the parish family. Have fun!! Bring the whole family!

If you would like to help or have guestions call Deacon Tom at: 715-297-5976 or email: ttierney@diolclergy.org

Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.



2023 - Easter Flower Donation

A plant was donated in memory of Dorothy & Glenn Schmitz by Dominic & Cathy Bush



Knights of Columbus **Tootsie Roll Drive**

April 29th & 30th - After All Masses

The Knights of Columbus is holding their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive". Donations are welcome! Donations given will benefit Special Needs Individuals. Thank you for your support!



St Matthew Parish Summer Help Needed

Jason, our Custodian, is in need of a summer helper. This opportunity is for a student 16 years of age or older or an adult. Must be able to lift 50 lbs and use a riding lawnmower.

This position starts June 5th, Monday through Friday: 7 am - 3 pm.

To get an application form stop by the Parish Center or to have an application form emailed to you, call the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

Walk to Mary - Saturday, May 6th



St Matthew will be taking a bus to join other pilgrims from all over on the 21-mile journey from the National Shrine of St Joseph at Old St Joseph Catholic Church in De Pere, WI, to Apparition Grotto at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI – the only approved Marian apparition site in the United States.

If you would like to go on the bus, contact Rosalba at: 920-841-0924. We leave from St Matthew's parking lot at 4:30 am & return ~9:30 pm Cost: \$30 For Information & to Register: walktomary.com

April 27th 1973



Congratulations and God's Blessings on vour 50th Wedding Anniversary

John and Bev **Bohte**

Saint Matthew Men's Club Spring Steak Feed **Members, Wives and Guests**



Thursday - April 27th in the School Gym Social 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm



Steak or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Salad Dessert and Refreshments

\$18.00 per person

(includes \$1 for 50/50 raffle)

RSVP by Sunday, April 23rd to:

Glen Yeager:

sheilay@charter.net or call 715-848-1106 (H) or 715-573-1109 (C)

or Pat Ruesch:

rue04of15@gmail.com or call 715-845-1160

or Don Gallenberg:

dgallenberg@live.com

Include number of people & if you would like a Steak or Chicken Breast.

If you have not paid dues for 2023, dues are \$20. All Men of St Matthew Parish are invited to become a Men's Club Member.

Invite a friend, bring a guest.



A Night with Padre Jose Sharing Memories Saturday, May 6th - Social: 4:30 pm - Dinner: 6:15 pm at Memories Ballroom in Marathon City

Cost: \$30 adults, \$10 children 5-10 yrs Free for 4 years and under



Please join us as we come together to share memories of the good work Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, did for the people in Bolivia and Peru, along with messages from individuals who saw firsthand how he used just his two hands to make a big difference in the lives of so many people.

This event is a celebration of the life

of Father Walijewski and his legacy that lives on at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage, a direct mission of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Guest speakers for the evening will be Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, and Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk, previous Director of Casa Hogar (2001-2013), both continuing the work started by Padre Jose. Register at homeajpm.org/events

For questions, or to register by phone, call 715-297-5139.





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